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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR § 1.98, Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information came to light during the examination of a counterpart application in the European Patent Office in an Office Action dated April 9, 2002. Accordingly, the undersigned hereby certifies that the information submitted herewith is being

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submitted within three months from the date of that Office Action.

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby certify that, unless submitted herewith, no English language translation is presently available to those individuals identified in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) for any non-English language reference(s) cited.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, no Office Action has yet been received in the above-identified application.

European Patent No. 0 715 247 (Stefik) apparently relates to a system for controlling the distribution and use of digital works using digital tickets.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a fee is required for this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted, COOPER & DUNHAM LLP

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